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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

(Item 4 (a))

Section 15. International drug control

1. At its 14th meeting, on 20 June 2001, the Committee considered section 15, International drug control, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Full support for the Programme, a priority area of work, was expressed. The importance of the Programme and the targets set in the Political Declaration were stressed.

4. Appreciation was expressed for the rigorous work done through the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in combating drugs and for intergovernmental cooperation to combat trafficking. Views were expressed that efforts in the area of demand reduction and in the area of eliminating the production of coca and opium were commendable. Appreciation was also expressed for the Programme's gender perspective.

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5. A view was expressed that increased inter-sessional meetings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs would enhance the Commission's role. The need for periodic consultations between the Commission and the Board was also stressed.

6. Support was expressed for constructive steps as regards management reforms and evaluation. Full implementation of those reforms was expected. Reform through the evaluation of projects was welcomed. Views were expressed that the proposal to establish an Assistant Secretary-General post in section 1 to provide for a Deputy to the Director-General, who would undertake responsibility for activities related to crime prevention and criminal justice and to international drug control, should have been mentioned in section 15.

7. Views were expressed that specific targets and indicators of achievement should be formulated more precisely. It was noted that, among the expected accomplishments, there was no reference to enhanced coordination within the United Nations system under subprogramme 1, despite the observations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services in its recent triennial review of the Programme in that regard. Concerns were expressed regarding the fact that the availability of extrabudgetary resources had been reflected as an external factor which might affect the achievement of expected accomplishments. Another view was expressed that the availability of extrabudgetary resources should be highlighted, considering that such resources were generally earmarked, thus affecting the implementation of the work programme.

8. It was pointed out that the coordination efforts with the Centre for International Crime Prevention concerning money laundering had not been elaborated in the budget document. Clarification on the framework for the removal of unwanted information from the Internet and coordination efforts in that regard with the Centre and other entities was requested.

9. Support for activities to assist transit States, including enhanced international cooperation, was expressed. It was stated that international cooperation should be increased in order to pay greater attention to the specific needs of transit States. Alternative development measures to reduce the production of illicit crops were supported.

10. The view was expressed that greater commitment should be adopted towards the accomplishment of the priorities established by States during the forty-fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

Conclusions and recommendations

11. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 15, International drug control, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, subject to the following modifications:

Table 15.7

Under Expected accomplishments, add the words

"(e) Improved coordination of drug-control-related activities throughout the United Nations system with UNDCP providing leadership;

"(f) Progress made towards the adoption and implementation of measures to strengthen national legislation and progress giving effect to the action plan against the illicit manufacture, trafficking and abuse of amphetamine-type stimulants and their precursors; measures to eliminate or reduce significantly the illicit manufacture, marketing and trafficking of other psychotropic substances, including synthetic drugs, and the diversion of precursors; national legislation and programmes to counter money laundering; and measures to promote and strengthen judicial cooperation;"

Under Indicators of achievement, add the words

"(e) The completion of needs assessments for multilateral cooperation on drug control;

"(f) Measures taken to strengthen national legislation and to give effect to the action plan against the illicit manufacture, trafficking and abuse of amphetamine-type stimulants and their precursors; to eliminate or reduce significantly the illicit manufacture, marketing and trafficking of other psychotropic substances, including synthetic drugs, and the diversion of precursors; national legislation and programmes to counter money laundering; and to promote and strengthen judicial cooperation."

Table 15.10

Under Indicators of achievement, *delete* in paragraph (c) the words "(conclusion of agreements and memoranda of understanding)".

Table 15.12

Under Expected accomplishments, in paragraph (a), between the words "meeting" and "goals" *insert* the words "by 2003 the".

Under Indicators of achievement, in paragraph (a), *add* "by 2003" after "society".

Paragraph (e)

The paragraph should read:

"Number of guides on prevention and treatment issues developed during seminars and workshops and expert group meetings, and actually in use by Member States, to determine what constitutes effective prevention among school-based youth, youth at risk and women, and the design of treatment responses based on needs assessment and evaluation results."

Table 15.14, Objective 2

Under Expected accomplishments, in paragraph (a) *add* "by 2003" between "to meet" and "the goals".

Paragraph 15.35 (a) (iv)

Delete the words "one ad hoc expert group meeting on international cooperation against drug trafficking at sea; and".

12. The Committee recommended that the number of inter-sessional meetings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs be increased and that informal inter-sessional meetings among UNDCP, donors and recipient countries be held. Those increases in activities would be undertaken on an as-available basis.